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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thomas H. Stevens

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-13, 15-25 and 34-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-13, 15-25 and 34-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 7,14, 26,33 were cancelled.
2. Claims 1-6,8-13, 15-25, and 34-41 were examined.

Response to Applicant's Argument

35 U.S.C.132

3. Applicants are thanked for addressing this issue. Rejection is withdrawn.

35 USC § 112

4. Applicants are thanked for addressing this issue. Rejections are withdrawn.

35 USC § 102 & 103

5. Applicants are thanked for addressing this issue. In view of applicants' response, examiner withdraws 102(b) and 103(a) rejections; however, examiner has found art in view of Gillespie (August 2000).

3rd Office Action (RCE)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

7. Claims 1-6,8-13, 15-25, and 34-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Gillespie (Electrical Distributor Magazine (Aug.2000)). Gillespie teaches selected GE eAccomplishments since 1999, one being the Turbine Optimizer, which helps customers, optimize turbine performance by comparing theirs to others and the ability to select upgrade options (pg. 1, left column1, pg. 5, figure 3).

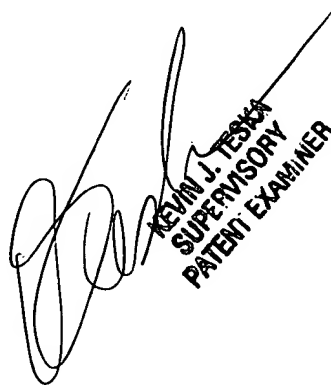
Correspondence Information

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Any inquires of general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose phone number is (571) 272-1400.

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